

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: OTTER TAIL ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY	DOCKET NO. CGP-01-5
	CERTIFICATE NO. G-0007

CERTIFICATE

(Issued October 17, 2001)

On May 31, 2001, Otter Tail Energy Service Company (OTESCO) filed an application for a certificate as a competitive natural gas provider (CNGP) with the Utilities Board (Board). The Board's rules at 199 IAC 2.2(18) and 19.14 establish the filing requirements for the issuance of a certificate. Subrule 19.14(4) states that an applicant will be notified when its application is complete and the 90-day review period begins. On July 20, 2001, the Board notified OTESCO that the application was complete and the 90-day review period had begun.

The Board reviewed the information provided by OTESCO and is issuing an order concurrently with this certificate approving the application for a certificate as a competitive natural gas provider. OTESCO is currently providing service to both large and small volume customers as defined in 199 IAC 19.14(1).

Iowa Code § 476.87 requires that a competitive natural gas provider or aggregator must reasonably demonstrate managerial, technical, and financial

capability sufficient to obtain and deliver the services it proposes to offer. The Board in 199 IAC 2.2(18) and 199 IAC 19.14 established the filing requirements for a CNGP to obtain a certificate. Based on a review of OTESCO's application and the additional information provided, the Board found that OTESCO has reasonably demonstrated that it possesses the appropriate managerial, technical, and financial capability sufficient to obtain and deliver the services it proposes to offer. Additionally, the Board found that no additional conditions should be placed on the certificate.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

This certificate as a competitive natural gas provider, issued pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.87 (2001), authorizes Otter Tail Energy Services Company to furnish natural gas services as a marketer or aggregator to large and small volume customers in Iowa.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 17th day of October, 2001.